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Good morning Richard,

The IRIS Interagency workgroup had its second meeting yesterday chaired by Jim Kim OMB/OIRA and Kris Thayer. Most of the agencies participated. Jim Laity of OMB was on as well.

We had allowed two hours for this meeting – we continued the walk through the specific efforts we are implementing to continue to modernize IRIS. We previewed the upcoming SAB-CAAC meeting on 9/27-28. The IWG had copies of the three IRIS Assessment Plans that were posted by the SAB (chloroform, ethylbenzene, nitrite/nitrate). In our discussions, we set the stage to facilitate their review. We also indicated that when the docket opens on Monday, we will invite public comments for 30 days – this is in addition to the public comments that will come through the SAB.

We also informed them that the NAS will hold a public meeting in late 2017 to evaluate IRIS progress since the 2014 report.

The IWG was engaged and supportive. We had great feedback from DoD and DoE – as well as offer of assistance. We received the usual comments from SBA.

The next IWG meeting has been scheduled for the 25th of September. That will be the last meeting for this fiscal year – and we will prepare a brief update as part of a Report to Congress. Beyond this, we will move to more regular standing meetings.

Please let us know if you would like additional information, or if you would like to participate in any of the future meetings.

Thanks,

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